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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. AUSTIN AKOSA, SECRETARY NIGERIAN LAWN TENNIS ASSN., TODAY REQUESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR JUNE 25-JULY 30 US TOUR NIGERIAN JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM, RESCHEDULED FOR US DUE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION ENGLAND TOUR.

2. SIX INTERMEDIATE AND FOUR JUNIOR PLAYERS, THREE OFFICIALS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION ARRIVING JFK 06:00 JUNE 25 VIA PA 181. BIODATA FOLLOWS. SEPTEL

3. THOUGH AWARE EXTREMELY LATE DATE, AKOSA REQUESTS US LAWN TENNIS ASSN., 51 E. 42ND, MANHATTAN, N.Y. TEL: (212) 661-1543 BE ADVISED NIGERIAN TEAM'S DESIRE GAIN EXPERIENCE AND PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL TOURNAMENTS AS PER FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
JUNE 28 - JULY 12 NEW YORK CITY AREA: JULY-19
WASHINGTON D.C. AREA.

4. GROUP ALSO SEEKS USLTA ASSISTANCE OBTAINING INEXPENSIVE DORMITORY HOUSING IF POSSIBLE.

5. AKOSA TELEPHONING USLTA TODAY. WILL CONTACT AGAIN ON ARRIVAL.

6. CHAIRMAN NIGERIAN LAWN TENNIS ASSN., EDDY O. BAYAGBONA SUPPOSEDLY DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH USLTA THIS WEEK WHILE TRANSITING NEW YORK ON TRIP TO VENEZUELA.

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UM DR. JOHN BYRD, TENNIS COACH, N.W. MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY,

MARYVILLE, MO., TEL: (816) 582-4851, ARRANGING PROGRAM DURING
LAST TWO WEEKS JULY.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE, AS NSC
SEEKING IMPROVED RELATINSHIPS WITH US ATHLETIC PROGRAMS/
UNIVERSITIES BY FUNDING 20-30 US UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS,
SPONSORING NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS COACHES PROGRAM AND HOSTING
JULY 1-15 REGIONAL COACHING CLINIC FOR 10 MAN US TRACK AND
FIELD TEAM.

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